

(a) whether the growth rate of Orissa is much less as compared to the growth rate of other states;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the growth rate of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The growth rate of Orissa for the year 1989-90 (in terms of the annual percentage increase in the Net State Domestic Product at constant prices) is 6.03%. It is less than that of Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab and Tripura and more than that of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(b) Growth rates differ among States for a variety of reasons some among them being the historically uneven development of the infrastructure, industry and entrepreneurship, the promotional measures and incentives offered, and the year to year variations in rainfall and the consequent droughts and floods.

(c) Orissa State has been implementing development plans for increasing the growth rate. These plans include investment/outlays for the development of infrastructure, industry, agriculture, irrigation, rural development, education, health, etc., and direct employment generation programmes to increase the income of poor people.

'No Industry Districts' in Orissa

2187. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) the names of the 'no industry districts' in Orissa;

(b) the schemes chalked out by the Government in regard to the setting up of industries in these districts; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (a) Balasore, Phulbani and Bolangir are the 'No Industry Districts' in Orissa.

(b) and (c). Under the scheme of Central Assistance for development of infrastructural facilities in 'No Industry' districts introduced in 1983, the Central Government have approved the following growth centres on the recommendation of the State Government of Orissa:

<i>District</i>	<i>Growth Centre</i>
Balasore	Balasore
Phulbani	Manmunda
Bolangir	Bolangir

A sum of Rs. 250 lakhs has so far been released to the State Govt. as Centre's share. The above scheme is no longer in operation, but commitments made to the State Govt. under the Scheme will be honoured as and when the claims are furnished by the State Governments. Under the New Growth Centre Scheme introduced in 1988, the above three districts do not have any Growth Centres.

Development Schemes for Orissa

2188. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state: